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AMENDED CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. (currently amended) A method for mitigating distortive effects in an applicant's biometric sample in a biometric verification system that stores a master template for each biometric sample for said applicant, said method comprising steps of:

a. storing two or more master templates for each biometric sample for said applicant;

b. receiving a live image of a biometric sample from said applicant;

c. generating a live template from said live image;

d. generating a rolling template from said live image if said live template corresponds to at least one of said master templates according to predefined criteria; and

e. storing said rolling template;

wherein said system allows said applicant to access said system if a subsequent live template generated from a subsequent live image of said biometric sample from said applicant corresponds to at least one of said master or rolling templates for said applicant according to predefined criteria.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said system stores said rolling template as a master template.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said system stores a predetermined number of said rolling templates.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 3 wherein said system stores said rolling templates sorted according to predefined criteria.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said system stores enrollment data and identification data comprising primary identification data, secondary identification data, if any, and financial account data, if any, for said applicant.

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6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said system stores multiple master templates for each biometric sample for said applicant.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said system stores enrollment data and identification data comprising primary identification data, secondary identification data, if any, financial account data, if any, and multiple master templates for each biometric sample for said applicant.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said biometric sample comprises a fingerprint.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said biometric sample comprises a voiceprint.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said biometric sample comprises a handprint.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said biometric sample comprises hand writing.

12. ((previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said biometric sample comprises hand geometry.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said biometric sample comprises facial geometry.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said biometric sample comprises facial recognition.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said biometric sample comprises a retinal scan.

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16. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said biometric sample comprises an iris scan.

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said biometric sample comprises thermal imaging.

18. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium comprising computer executable code for mitigating distortive effects in an applicant's biometric sample in a biometric verification system that stores a master template for each biometric sample for said applicant, said code instructing a computer to operate as follows:

- a. storing two or more master templates for each biometric sample for said applicant;
- b. a. receive a live image of a biometric sample from said applicant;
- c. b. generate a live template from said live image;
- d. e. generate a rolling template from said live image if said live template corresponds to at least one of said master templates according to predefined criteria; and
- e. d. store said rolling template;

wherein said system allows said applicant to access said system if a subsequent live template generated from a subsequent live image of said biometric sample from said applicant corresponds to at least one of said master or rolling templates for said applicant according to predefined criteria.

19. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein said system stores said rolling template as a master template.

20. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein said system stores a predetermined number of said rolling templates.

21. (previously presented) The system of claim 20 wherein said system stores said rolling templates sorted according to predefined criteria.

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22. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein said system stores enrollment data and identification data comprising primary identification data, secondary identification data, if any, and financial account data, if any, for said applicant.

23. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein said system stores multiple master templates for each biometric sample for said applicant.

24. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein said system stores enrollment data and identification data comprising primary identification data, secondary identification data, if any, financial account data, if any, and multiple master templates for each biometric sample for said applicant.

25. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein said biometric sample comprises a fingerprint.

26. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein said biometric sample comprises a voiceprint.

27. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein said biometric sample comprises a handprint.

28. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein said biometric sample comprises hand writing.

29. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein said biometric sample comprises hand geometry.

30. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein said biometric sample comprises facial geometry.

31. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein said biometric sample comprises facial recognition.

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32. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein said biometric sample comprises a retinal scan.

33. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein said biometric sample comprises an iris scan.

34. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein said biometric sample comprises thermal imaging.